

products if they continue to participate effectively in this international program.

One of the major provisions of this Act is the change in the definition of the standard for the "dolphin-safe" label affixed to canned tuna sold in the United States. The definition of dolphin-safe will be changed to mean that no dolphins were killed or seriously injured during harvesting of the tuna. The label change will take effect in March 1999 unless the Secretary of Commerce determines that tuna fishing by encircling dolphins has a significant adverse impact on dolphin stocks. United States policy on this question has been and will continue to be based on the best available scientific information.

Unfortunately, H.R. 408 also contains provisions that could be construed to direct how the Nation's foreign affairs should be conducted. The Constitution vests the President with special authority to conduct the Nation's foreign affairs, and this authority necessarily entails the exercise of discretion. Thus, section 4(e), that portion of section 6(c) that amends section 302 of the Marine Mammal Protection Act, and section 7(c) will be construed to be advisory within the executive branch.

In approving H.R. 408, I would like to recognize Congressmen Gilchrest, Cunningham, Saxton, Cardin, and Green and Senators Breaux, Stevens, McCain, Kerry, Snowe, and Hollings for their efforts in the passage of this legislation.

The strictly enforced dolphin protection regime that this Act endorses is a model of effective international cooperation on an important environmental matter, and I am pleased to sign it.

**William J. Clinton**

The White House,  
August 15, 1997.

NOTE: H.R. 408, approved August 15, was assigned Public Law No. 105-42.

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## **Digest of Other White House Announcements**

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The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

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### **August 12**

In the morning, the President traveled to St. Louis, MO, and in the evening, he returned to Washington, DC.

### **August 13**

The President announced his intention to nominate Kirk Robertson as the Executive Vice President of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation.

The President announced his intention to nominate Douglas Eakeley to the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation.

The President announced his intention to nominate former Senator Sam Nunn as Co-Chair and David Campbell, Charles Lee, and Elvin Moon as members of the Advisory Committee to the President's Commission on Critical Infrastructure Protection.

### **August 15**

In the morning, the President met with foreign policy advisers to discuss the Middle East. In the afternoon, he met with the advisers to discuss Bosnia.

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## **Nominations Submitted to the Senate**

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NOTE: No nominations were submitted to the Senate during the period covered by this issue.